

Memorandum

To: Mayor Seng, City Council, Lancaster County Board, Planning Commission
From: Randy Hoskins, City Traffic Engineer
Date: November 21, 2005
Subject: Long Range Transportation Plan Open Houses

The Engineering Services Division of Public Works and Utilities, in coordination with the Planning Department, has scheduled a series of public open houses for the upcoming update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. This memo will outline the purpose of the open houses and will be your official invitation to attend one or all of the events.

These open houses will focus on gaining community input into what the citizens would like to see covered in the Long Range Transportation Plan update. The plan will focus on the year 2030, at which point there will be an expected 500,000 more vehicle trips per day than we currently experience. So we will focus on all aspects of the transportation system and what modifications need to be made to accommodate those trips in the future.

As stated, these open houses will be all about public input. The only information we will hand out to attendees is what has already been decided upon in the process to-date. This will include the assumptions that the Planning Commission approved going into this update, and the agreed upon Future Service Limit.

After receiving the base information, attendees will be free to walk around to the various stations set up to gain their input. Each of the major items outlined in the current Long Range Transportation Plan will be represented, and public input on what will be needed for future system operation will be requested. The stations include: Pedestrians, Bicycles, Public Transportation, Downtown Parking, Roads & Streets, Intelligent Transportation Systems, System Management (focusing primarily on maintenance issues), Railroads, Airports, Goods & Freight, and Financing. Most of the stations will include County maps as well as City maps to elicit a wider range of responses.

Attendees will be encouraged to place dots on maps to show what facilities they feel need to be constructed or modified to accommodate the expected transportation needs in 2030. Comments will also be elicited to gain feedback on what the citizens feel are the most important transportation related issues in each of these areas. In the area of Financing, we hope to make people aware of the cost of the various items they would like to see constructed, and then link that to how they would propose to have them funded, using the range of options that were developed through the various infrastructure financing groups that have worked on the issue. This would ultimately help us to determine what the community is willing to support.

In addition to Engineering Services and Planning staff that will be on hand, we also hope to have

representatives from the Lancaster County Engineers Office, StarTran, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, the Lincoln Airport, Nebraska Department of Roads, Federal Highway Administration and other Public Works employees.

We would ask that this event again be sponsored by the Planning Commission, and would encourage the members of that body to attend as many of the meetings as possible to directly gain input from the general public.

The dates, times and locations of the meetings are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
December 6	5:00-6:30	Mickle Middle School, Cafeteria
December 7	5:00-6:30	Lakeview Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room
December 8	5:00-6:30	Humann Elementary, Multi-Purpose Room
December 13	11:30-1:00	Downtown Senior Center, 2 nd Floor
December 14	5:00-6:30	Malone Center, Gym
December 15	5:00-6:30	Scott Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Virendra Singh or me at 441-7711.



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS

2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Dates: December 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 2005

